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For: Tunneling Magnetoresistive Element and )  
Method of Manufacturing the Same )

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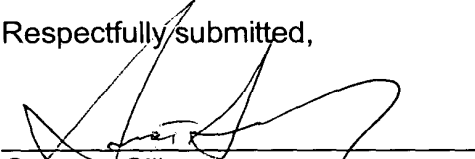
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	5,729,410	03/1998	Fontana, Jr. et al.		
	A2	5,898,548	04/1999	Dill et al.		
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	A9	6,556,391	04/2003	Aoshima et al.		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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